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Responding to the invitation of your honorable body, thus extended to me, I have to say that, in my opinion, economy and simplicity in the local government of the city of New-York can be secured only through the responsibility, to the people, of the Chief Executive for the proper conduct of the business of the necessary departments of the municipal government; and I know of no way to secure such responsibility other than to intrust the Mayor with the power to appoint and to remove the heads of such departments without the intervention of any other autority. In order to improve as well as simplify the local government of the city, it is, in my opinion, necessary that the head of each department should consist of one person, woo should be held responsible by the Mayor for the faithful and edicient conduct of the affairs of his department.

With a view to the establishment of this system in the local government of the city, ir and the least of March next, in the preparation of these amendments it has been inneded to make them as few and as brief as possible, with the single view of urging the Legislature to establish the single view of urging the Legislature to establish the such as devernment of the city of New-York with an ittle liminediate disturbance of existing departments as sossible, leaving for further consideration such other changes as experience may show to be necessary or desiraole.

The intention to legislate out of office any faithful and efficient office, or to impair the power of any department of the city of New-York, is fully and unequivocally declared.

Section I of the proposed am

Section 1 of the proposed amendments provides that the present Board of Aldermen shall hold office until the first Monday in January, 1884, and that Aldermen shall be elected by Assembly districts as at present. Section 2 provides that the Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation, and that the present Mayor shall hold office until noon of January 1, 1885. The Mayor elected at the general election in 1884 shall hold office for three years, and that shall thereafter be the term. It is next provided that the president of the Board of Aldermen shall act as Mayor whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office, or whenever the Mayor shall be temporarily absent. In case of a vacancy he shall so act until noon of the first Monday of January succeeding the election at which a successor shall be chosen. At the next general election, which shall take place more than tend sys after the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, a successor shall be chosen who shall hold office for the unexpired term. It shall not be lawful for the president of the Board of Aldermen, when acting as Mayor in consequence of the sickness or absence from the city of the person elected, to exercise any power of appointment to or removal from office, unless such sickness or absence of the Mayor shall have continued sixty days, or to sign, approve or disapprove any ordinance or resolution unless such sickness or absence shall have continued ten days. Under the present charter the president of the Board of Aldermen can exercise all the functions of the Mayor when the latter has been absent from his office for ten days.

The next section provides that the Controller shall be the head of the Finance Department and shall hold office for three years, except that the Controller appointed under the provisions of this act shall hold office until February 1, 1885. Under the present charter the Controller holds office for four years. There is a similar provision with reference to the Counsel to the Corporation, whose term at present is four years. The succeeding sections of the proposed act provide for single heads of the Departments of Police, Public Works, Charities and Correction, Fire, Health, Parks, Taxes and Assessm nts. Docks, and Street Cleaning, and these offi-cials are to hold office for three years, except that those first appointed shall continue in office until February 1, 1885.

February 1, 1885.

Section 15 provides that a majority of the members of a beard of the city government shall constitute a quorum to perform and discharge any act or duty authorized, possessed by, or imposed upon any board and with the same legal effect as if every member of any such board had been present, except as otherwise specially provided. No exexcept as otherwise specially provided. No ex-pense shall be incurred by any of the departments, boards or officers of the city government, noises an appropriation shall have been previously made cov-ering such expense, nor any average of the city government. appropriation shall have been previously made covering such expense, nor any expense in excess of the sum appropriated in accordance with law. It is added that any officer who, by the express terms of this act, shall be deprived of his office shall be entitled to receive his salary, in the same manner as if this act had not been bassed, up to the expiration of his present term of office; but if such officer shall be expirated as a state of the expiration of his present term of office he shall receive in addi-

of his present term of office; but if such officer shall accept any other office he shall receive no additional compensation unless the saiary attached to such other office shall be larger than that of the office which he shall hold at the time of the passage of this act, in which case he shall receive the salary cany which is affixed to such other office.

It is further provided that the annual salaries to be paid to persons herein named, and elected and appointed to the several specified positions, shall, from and after their entrance upon their duties, be as follows, and such salaries shall be in full for all services rendered by them to the city and county in any capacity whatever: To the Mayor, \$10,000, until January 1, 1885, after which it shad be \$12,000 (the salary is at present \$10.000); to the Controller, \$10,000 (no change); to the Connect to the Corporation, \$12,000, and all legal costs collectes by him shall be paid into the treasury of the city (no change); to the Commissioner of Public Works, \$5,000 (no change); to the Commissioner of Police, \$7,500 (the president of the Board of Police at present receives \$8,000); to the Commissioner of Public Parks, \$7,500 the president of the Park Police, \$7,500 (the president of the Board of Police at present receives \$8,000); to the Commissioner of Public Parks, \$7,500 (the president of the Park Commission at present receives \$5,000); to the Commission at present receives \$5,000); to the Commission rs of Public Charities and Correction, \$7,500 (all the commissioners now receive \$5,000); to the Commissioner of Health, \$7,500 (the president now receives \$6,500); to the Commissioners receive the same salary, \$5,000); to the Commissioners receive the same salary, \$5,000); to the commissioner of faxes \$1,000; to the Commissioners of Docks, \$7,500 (each of the Commissioners now receives \$3,000); to the Commissioners of Docks, \$7,500 (each of the Commissioners now receives \$3,000); to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, \$6,000 (so change); to the Corporation Attorney (at present

A NEW CHARTER PROPOSED.

THE MAYOR GIVEN GREAT POWER.

#WEEPING CHANGES MADE—SINGE HIRADS FOR ALL

DEPARTMENTS BUT EDUCATION.

What is practically a new charter for this city, prepared by Mayor Eslon, was presented to the Legislat—y exterday. It provides for single heads for all the departments of the city government, except the Board of Education. The new officials are to take office on the first of March. The sole power of appointment and removal is vested in the Mayor, and removals may be made by him whenever he deems that the best interests of the city require such action. It is not believed that the proposed charter meets the approval of prominent politicians of either party, and there is said to be little likelihood of its becoming a law in its present shape.

PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER.

UNLIMITED FOWER OF AFFORTMENT AND BEMOVAL PUT IN THE MAYOR'S HANDS.

A resolution was adopted by the Assembly on January 31 asking Mr. Edson to inform that body what legislation, if any, he may consider necessary in order to economize, simplify and improve the government of the legislature. It is understood that the Mayor has consulted several Democratic leaders and the heads of departments while proparing the charter amendments, but has paid in the proposed bill Mr. Edson son the following communication:

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may deem advisable. Any one of such commissioners shall have authority at any time to make any such examination.

Section 22 is important in view of the late decision of the Court of Appeals concerning the payment of full salaries to sick and disabled policemen. It provides that the Mayor, Controller and Commissioner of Police are the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund. They shall from time to time choose one of their number to be charman, and appoint a secretary. The Controller shall be treasurer of the Board of Trustees; such trustees shall have charge of and administer the fund, and from time to time invest the fund or any part thereof, as they shall deem most beneficial, and are empowered to make all necessary contracts, and take all necessary and proper actions and proceedings in the premises, and to make payments from the fund of pensions granted in pursuance of this chapter, and also pensions now charged on the fund, by existing laws; and this Board of Frustees shall be the legal successors of the trustee or trustees of the Police Life Insurance Fund. The trustees shall from time to time establish such rules and regulations for the administration of the Police Pension Fund as they may deem best. They shall report in detail to the Board of Aldermen annually, in January, the condition of the Police Pension Fund, and the items of their receipts and disbursements on account of the same. No payments whatever shall be allowed or made by the trustees as reward, gratinity or compensation to any person for salary or services rendered to or for the Board of Trustees. The provisions of section 23 are that pensions to widows shall terminate when the widow shall reminate, and pensions to enlidren shall terminate whenever the children shall respectively arrive at the age of eighteen years. The Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, order any pension granted, or any part thereof, to cease, except in the case of members of the police force retired after twenty years' service, as to over details. any part thereof, to cease, except in the case of members of the police force retired after twenty members of the police force retired after twenty years' service, as provided in the preceding section; but in all such cases the Board of Trustees shall nie with the trustees of the Police Penson Fund, to remain in the archives of said Board, a written statement of the causes which determined them in ordering any pension to cease, and nothing berein, or in any other act, shall render the granting or payment of such pension oblig story on the Board of Trustees, or chargeable as a matter of right upon said Police Pension Fund, except as provided in the preceding section.

Section 24 changes the phraseology nce to the designation of the heads of departments, and section 25 provides that a new section shall be and section 25 provides that a new section shall be added to the charter, providing that every head of Department named in this act shall appoint, and, for cause to be stated in writing, at pleasure remove, a deputy, who shall possess every power, and perform all and every duty belonging to the office of the head of the Department in which he is appointed to act, whenever the head of the Department's all, for reasons to be stated to the Mayor in writing, by due written authority, and during a period of time not extending beyond three mouths nor beyond his term of office and to be specified in such authority, designaic and authority designaic and authority the said deputy to possess the power and perform the duty aforesaid; and such designation and authority shall be duly filed in and remain of record in the Depart of the Mayor, which shall be in a and remain of record as atoresaid; but such authority, derived from a designation by the said head of Department or the Mayor, may at any time be terminated in the same manner as it was created. Section 26 is a new section which provides that

he Mayor may at any time suspend an officer ap-olated under and by virtue of the provisions of pointed under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, on formal charges preferred against him by any ten citizens who shall be tax-payers; where-upon the Mayor shall proceed publicly to investi-gate such charges, and if in his opinion they shall be sustained and the public interests shall seem to require it, the Mayor may it ereupon remove such officer. The Mayor may also upon his own judgment at any time remove any officer, appointed under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, without such investigation if, in also opinion, the interests of the public service shall seem to require it.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL POLITICIANS.

Ex-Mayor Cooper was seen at his house, No. 12 North Washington square, last night by a TRIBUNE reporter, who made some inquiries in regard to the proposed new charter. Mr. Cooper said that lie had not seen the bill prepared by Mr. Edson and had no knowledge of what it contained. A copy of it was handed to Mr. Cooper, who then said the as it would take him a good while to read it through, judging from its length, he could not undertake to express an opicion upon the merits of the measure until he had more time to examine it.

"It lengthens the Mayor's term to three years," remarked the reporter. "Do you favor such a

change ?" "I do not," Mr. Cooper replied, "I think two years long enough, particularly so if the Mayor is to be vested with great power which I understood you to say this bill would give him."

" It also makes the Controller's term three years. and would give the Mayor the power to appoint and remove at will. Do you think those desirable changes?

"No. The Controller in my opinion should elected the same as the Mayor, and that is the only charter officer other than the Mayor that I would have elected. He is a member of the Board of Apportionment and is the only officer other than the Mayor who signs the warrants upon the city treasury and who also audits the bills; therefore I think the Controller should be elected. Otherwise too much power would be intrusted to the Mayor. If he had the power to appoint and remove at will the Controller and the president of the Tax Department,

charter, said that he doubted very much whether anything like this could be got through the present Legislature. "The fact is," he said, "the Mayor has certain theories of

fact is," he said, "the Mayor has certain theories of his own which are not practical, and it may be as well to let him see how useless it is to endeavor to carry them out. I favor some single-headed commissions. But there are two departments, at least, of the City Government which should have two heads. The Police Department requires two to make it non-parisan. Put one man at the head, with the Burcau of Elections still attached to it, and politics are sure to control the Department. It would make no difference which party, Democratic or Republican, had the control; the result would still be the same. The Charities and Correction is another Department where two heads are required, because there is such a vast deal of work to be performed that no one man can attend to it. Either nothing will be so changed in their passage through the Legislature that the author will scarcely recogning them when passed."

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Several other Democratic politicians were of the opinion that there was very little chance of the bill becoming a law.

The Executive Committee of the Municipal Society held a session last night for the first time in many months. John H. Sherwood, the chairman, was asked for his opinion of the Mayor's charter "I have not seen it," he replied; "therefore I cannot speak about it. I do not see that we can get a much better city government than we have now. I am satisfied with the present state of affairs. I think Mayor Edson, though I am not acquainted with him, will make a good Mayor."

"Was the Municipal Society satisfied with his appointments of a Police Commissioner and two Police Justices is"

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'As there does not seem to be much work for the "As there does not seem to be much work for the Municipal Society to do now, we have not held any meetings for some time. I think, however, that those were bad appointments, but I suppose that after the Mayor has paid off his political debts he will do better. The newspapers found fault with Mayor Grace at the beginning of his term, but he proved to be an independent man and a good Mayor. I am in hopes Mayor Edson will prove equally acceptable. On the whole, I think New-York is well governed now. I favored the citizens' ticket in the last election, but as a society we did not take any part."

WHAT IS THOUGHT IN ALBANY.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. ALBANY, Feb. 8 .- The long-expected new charter for the city of New-York was presented to the Legislature to-day by Assemblyman M. C. Murphy, the chairman of the Committee on Cities of the Assembly. Political considerations will, of course, govern the Legislature in considering the charter. A leading Democratic politican here, one of the several persons forming Governor Cleveland's "kitchen cabinet," said to The Tribune correspondent lately: "Mayor Edson has greatly prejudiced his chances of obtaining the authority to name all the heads of the New-York departments by his appointment of Sidney P. Nichols as Police Commissioner The people of the State will not stand those kind of appointments and the Democratic party is not willing to assume responsibility for them."

There is thus a possibility that the charter may be rejected, either by the Democratic Legislature or by Governor Cleveland, in consequence of the power it gives to Mayor Edson. Much opposition to the charter may also be expected from New-York departments. They are satisfied with their present condition of affairs. Moreover, through their enormous salary list they have the power to raise a large "corruption fund" to use to prevent its passage. The charter was brought here by Mayor Edson's private secretary, Mr. Grant. chairman of the Committee on Cities of the Assem-

KILLING HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Henry Drees, a German teamster, cut his wife's throat with a razor last night and then cut his own. Five children slept in the room, One of the children took the baby out of the bloody bed in which its mother lay, chanced its dress and then went to sleep. The cause of the tragedy is supposed to have to sleep. The cause of the tragedy is supposed to have been jealousy. Lotis, age eleven, was aroused by the noise, and he saw his father entiting his mother with a razor. Then he saw his father spring into the air and rail down near the stove. This morning, when the quildren awoke, the floor and bed were covered with blood. Louis tried to find the key with which his father had locked the door hast night, but could not, and it was not until nearly 9 o'clock, when Otto Farenherst, above came up and called Louis to go to school with him that the condition of affairs was discovered.

THE LONGFELLOW MEMORIAL.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, Feb. 8.—The Longfellow Memorial Association has issued a circular proposing that on scription be made into group America in behalf of the memorial whice is to be crected at Cambridge. Individual subscriptions can be sent to the Longfellow Memoria Association at Cambridge. Auxiliary associations in the been established in Philadelphia, Wilmington, Del. Washington, Cheimari, Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco, Baltimore, Utica and other places.

HARTMANN AND MOST IN CONFERENCE.

Boston, Feb. 8 .- A dispatch from Philaelphia says that Less Hartmann, the Russian Nibilist, arrived there from Washington last night, and had an ainight conference with Herr Most and three members of the International Society of New York. The conference had relation to the coronation of the Czar. Bachmann another Nihilisi, arrived to-lay, and another conference took place. Herr Most sent a cipier cabe dispatch this morning to Berlin Socialists and arranged or another conference this evening. Hartmann has declared to German Socialists there that the coronation will not be

FRAGMENTS OF WESTERN NEWS.

DECLINING TO SURBENDER "FRANK "JAMES.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. S.—The Governor has decimed to deliver Frank" James upon a requisition from the Governor of Minnesota to answer the charge of murder in connection with the Northfield Bank robbery. Governor Crattenden states that he cannot deliver the pri oner to any other state until after the disposal of the indictments pending against him.

A TELLER RUINED BY SPECULATIONS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Oby E. Owen, the defaultarraigned in the United States Court to-day and
pleaned guilty. His concessive as a statement in which
owen confossed that he became they ded in and
cotton speculations. Sentence was deferred for two
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A CONSERVATOR FOR PERRY II. SMITH'S ESTATE.

CHICAGO, Feb. S.—An application has been filed for the appointment of a conservator of the estate of Perry II. Smith. The first evidence of the falling of his mental faculties was during his absence in London has summer, when Mr. Smith was prostrated with a sudden illness. The application was made at the instance of Robert Laro, a friend of the family, and is understood to be with their concurrence.

PITT-BURG, PCINL, Feb. 8.—The Western Nail Association to day passed a resolution that after the resumption on Monday the mills will run three weeks only and then stop for a for night. Stocks are reported very light.

TELLGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE CENSUS OF PROVIDENCE.

PROVIDENCE, it. I., I eb. S - The census of this sty taken by order of the city was compared to-day. The offal population is 116,765-a gain since the census of 18-0 f.11,898.

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SENTENCED FOR NEARLY TWELVE YEARS.

SCRANTON, Perm, Feb. 8.—James Conners was advicted of murice in the second degree to-day, and sended to deven years and eight rouths in the flastern Peniect to deven years and eight rouths in the flastern Peniect to deven years and eight rouths in the flastern Peniect to deven years and eight rouths in the flastern Peniect to deven years.

ANXIOUS TO CLOSE POLICY-SHOPS. Boston, Fe . 8,—An attempt to suppress the came of points in this city is being made by the police at the instance of the Law and Order League. Various shops are o day either closed or working surreptiliously. THE SHIP PARKFIELD FILLED WITH WATER. Wa-HINGTON, Feb. 8.—The signal station at title Egg Hirton, N. J., reports that the ship Parkited has venticen feel of water in the hold. It is about four feet in a sand and lies in an easy position. Wreeking crews are

preparing to save the cargo.

AN INSURANCE COMPANY'S SOLVENCY.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Feb., 8.—The Court to-day
refused to grant a decree for the dissolution of the charter of
the Friedrick Murnal Insurance Company of Edizabethtown
Lancaster County. The application had been made by the
Altoney Jeneral on the ground that the company was insol

THE CAPE COD SHIP CANAL.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Two companies have applied for charters to build a ship canal across Care Cod. In view of the lating of the last attempt, it is significant that the present applies are easy to deposit, as a guarantee of good-failty according to \$200,000 before beginning opera-

to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, \$6,000 (no change); (at present \$4,500), and Attorney (at present \$4,500), and Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, (no change) \$4,000 (achange); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the memb-rs of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the president of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the President of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the President of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the President of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the President of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change); (at the President of the Board of Atternet, \$4,000 (no change);

FOREIGN NEWS.

OPPOSED TO THE EXPULSION BILL. THE DEBATE IN THE FRENCH SENATE TO BEGIN ON

SATURDAY-THE REPORT AGAINST THE MEASURE. Paris, Feb. 8 .- The report of the Committee on the Expulsion bill, totally rejecting the bill, was read in the Schate to-day. The debate on the re-port is fixed for Saturday, urgency being voted. Much excitement exists in Parliamentary circles. The committee's report states that in the opinion of the committee there is no cause for the Republic either to feel alarm or to resort to the violent measures embraced in the proposed law. It would be a step on a dangerous path, and one contrary to the ideas on which the Republic was founded. The rumors, the report says, of conflicts or of a dissolution do not disturb the committee, which is steadfastly Republican.

It is reported this evening that M. Jules Ferry has declined to form a Cabinet, and that President Grévy will summon M. Brisson for that purpose.
The Socialists in France have decided to convene
a meeting with the view of organizing, so as to be
in readiness for the anticipated general election for
members of the Chamber of Deputies.

THE LOSS OF THE KENMURE CASTLE. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- The survivors of the disaster to the steamer Kenmure Castle, which foundered in the Bay of Biscay on the 2d inst., existed for three

days by chewing a flaunch waistcoat. The third officer became mad through starvation and jumped overboard, out was afterward rescued. FALSE RUMORS OF OCEAN DISASTERS. Glasgow, Feb. 8.-The Anchor Line steamer Utopia, Captain McRitchie, from New-York January 23, has arrived here. All on board are well.

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Timid friends of ocean voyagers were again disturbed yesterialy by the report of a possible disaster to the Ancian Line steamsing Utopia, which sailed from this port for Glasgow on January 23. A dispatch from London stated that a liteboat with "Utopia, Glasgow" painted on the stern, had drifted ashore at Mevarissey. A steamer formorered off Cape Corawaii a few days ago, and there was some alarm lest it may have been the Utopia. It is believed that the boat was lost from the Utopia when she was in the London trade some time ago.

The rumors of Wednesday that the Red Star steamship Neseriand had mer with disaster failed of confirmation yesterday. Mr. Wright, the agent has city, received a dispatch from the Antwerp agents as follows: "The Nederland passed the Schiy Islands [200 miles west of Bournemouth Benen] Mooday at 7 a. m. No unusually bad weather reported. Consider the contents of the bottle found on hournements Beach] February 6 as a miscable joke. Moreover her rigging makes the reported loss of her from masts unlikely." The vessel is due here on February 17.

WRECKS WITH LOSS OF LIFE.

WRECKS WITH LOSS OF LIFE, LONDON, Feb. 8.-A schooner has been wrecked near Portalerry, Ireland, and another near the Shetland Islands, Scotland. In the first Instance five sai'ers lest their lives, and in the latter the whole crew were drowned.

The British steamer Bayarian, Captain Lazzolo, which sailed from Liverpool on January 23 for Boston, has returned to Liverpool, her machinery having been damaged.

BOTH GUARDED BY DETECTIVES. Dublin, Feb. S .- Mr. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, started for England last evening. He was escorted by detectives. Earl Spencer, the Lord/Lieutenant, has arrived in Dub

in from London. He was escorted from the railway sta-tion by a troop of hussars, and was followed by cars laden with defectives. PARNELL AND THE IRISH PARTY.

DUBLIN, Feb. 8 .- Mr. Parnell, in a comof the House of Commons at the opening of Parliament next week, says that events of the greatest importance to ireland will be discussed. A preliminary meeting of the party will be held on the 14th inst. to decide upon a ine of action during the session. Mr. Parnell depre-cates the election of a member from County Mayo who will refuse to take his seat. If the time comes for the trish members to take his seal. If the time comes for the trish members to retire from the House of Commons, he ears, they should do so in a body. He carnestly advo-cated the adoption of some system of pocuniary com-pensation to members. If the constituencies, he says, is not make an effort in that direction he will be bilized to consider whether he can persovere in the timokies lask of endeavoring to keep together an independent Irish party.

RELIEF FOR DISTRESS IN IRELAND. LONDON, Feb. 8 .- The Lord Mayor of London to-day received a deputation asking bim to open a fund for the relief of the distress in Western Ireland. He said that such speeches as had been made by Mr. deputation emanated, were certain to fensitrate the suc-cessed any fund traceable to such an agency. He was, however, willing to receive the contributions of the benevolent, and if the amount justified it, eventually to open a fund.

THE KHEDIVE'S GOVERNMENT. London, Feb. 8.-The Times says: "Lord Dufferin, who is now in Egypt representing the British Government, has drafted a dispatch enforcing the necestry of protecting the Government of Egypt against external intrigue and internal weakness until it is able to stand alone. He condemns slike the premature abandon-ment of responsibility and amexacion."

THE DANUBIAN CONFERENCE OPENED. LONDON, Feb. 8.-The Conference on the Danubian question was formally opened to-day, and adjournes until Saturday. All the deterates were pre except Musurus Pacia, the Furkish Ambassador.

AN OPERA HOUSE IN TORONTO BURNED. TORONTO, Feb. S .- The Royal Opera House for \$20,000. The Ravels Humpty Dumpty Pantomime and Parlor Circus Troupe loses its wardrobe, valued at \$700.

Mr. Piton, of Booth's Theatre, if this city, who several years ago was the manager of the Grand Opera House in Foronto, in describing the Royal Opera House to function reporter last night said: "The theatre wa culit eight years ago by James French, a wealthy citizen of Toronto, at a cost of \$76,000. Its entrance was King-st., and the main bulloing was situated somewhat each from the street. The theatre was surrounded with stores. It ranked about second among the places of sinusement in Teronto, and had a preity interior. The outiding would comfortably sent 1,700 persons. The

TOPICS IN SPAIN.

Madrid, Feb. 8.-The Council of Ministers ias declied, on the proposition of the Minister of the followes, to treat as freemen 40,000 slaves who were no berated by their owners in Cuba in 1870. The slave 870, under the law for gradual abolition, because their Ou the Prilingia.

The press applicand the decision of the Ministers in regard to the Cuban slaves.

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN FRONTIER. VIENNA, Feb. S .- Prince Henry VII, of Rouss, he German Ambassador at this Court, and a long inter view with Herr Tisza, President of the Hungarian ouncil, who directly afterwards drove to the residence of Count Kalnoky, the Imperial Austro-Hungarian Mia ister of Foreign Affairs, where he stayed several hours. The Hungarian Minister of Finance opposes the construction of strategic ruliroads on account of the expense. At recent meetings of the Austrian and Hungarian Cabinets it was decided, however, that such railroads were necessary.

FOREIGN NOTES.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1883. The White Star Line Steamship Company thas su eribed to the Cork Exhibition, and offers to carry free a undred tons of American exhibits. The Montenegrin Government has issued a circular ole to the Powers announcing a rupture of the relations

between Montenegro and Turkey because the latter had failed to agree to the cession of territory on the frontier. Prussia's motion in the Bundesrath for an increase of the duties on timber is constantly opposed. It is thought it will only be adopted after having been greatly

Ashton Wentworth Dilke, Liberal, has accepted the

stewardship of Her Majesty's "Chiltern Hundreds."
This makes vacant his seat in the House of Commons for Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
The sale of Sarah Bernhardt's jewels took place to-day

in Paris. The persons in attendance were principally dealers and representatives of the demi-monde. A necklace of rose diamonds sold for 24,000 francs and two bracelets brought 8,000 france each. Archbishop McCabe, whose illness was mentioned on the 2d instant, is better, but he is still very feeble.

INSURANCE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Boston, Feb. 8.-The Insurance Commisoner has presented to the Legislature a summary of the financial condition of all the fire and marine in rance companies authorized to transact business in Massachusetts. The aggregates for the Massachusetts mutual fire insurance companies are as follows: Cash assets, \$6,859,676; premium notes, \$13.319,950; liabilities, including unearned premiums, \$3,005,688. The mutual marine insurance companies show the following totals: Gross assets, \$1,441,615; liabilities, including unearned premiums, \$337.061; surplus as regards policyholders, \$1,104,554. The joint stock insurance companies have a cash capital or \$6,707.200, assets amounting to \$13,486,339, liabilities, including unearned premiums, of \$4,080,570, and a surplus as regards policyholders of \$9,305,769. The aggregates of the insurance companies of other States doing business in Massachusetts are: Cash capital, \$44,036,100; gross assets, \$127,137,157; liabilities, including unearned premiums, \$40,235,349; surplus as regards policyholders, \$86,901,308. The United States branches of foreign companies represent assets in the United States of \$32,744,376; liabilities amounting to \$16,772,845, and a surplus as regards policyholders of \$15,971,531. mearned premiums, \$337,061; surplus as regards policy-

THE LEAGUE ISLAND NAVY YARD.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—The Naval Comssion met to-day with the Councils' Committee on Commerce and Navigation and citizens interested in the the proposition to abandon League Island as a Naval citizens were anxious that their Navy Yard should be merce and mechanics of that port, and because the site upon which it stands could be more profitably employed. Eisewhere clies adjacent to Navy Yards want the stations retained, and between these two views there is a

those retained, and between these two views there is a great variety of opinions.

A number of leading citizens presented their views in favor of the retention of the yard. Resolutions were adopted for the appointment of a committee of twentyone, representing the commercial, trade and maritime interests of the city, for the purpose of embodying the views of the citizens of Philadelphia in a formal address, which shall be forwarded to the commission.

PROPERTY STOLEN BY A HOTEL THIEF.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.-The police have in cuseries of robberies for the past two weeks. He gives the the room of J. H. Fleming, a New-York commercial trav ler, at the Palmer House, escaping by frightening three hotel porters with a revolver. In his room were found 925 shares of stock in the Denver Circle Railroad, the property of Marshall Jewell and Thomas M. Nichol, and a promissory note made by the latter for \$1,500 in favor of Speaker Kofer, of Onlo, which had been stolen from Marshall Jewell's western agent at the Grand Pacific a week ago. Some valuable jewery and two 1,000-mile a week ago. Some valuable jewery and two 1,000-mile a railroad tickets belonging to A. L. Taninan were also found. The police are unable to identify the man.

A STAGE COACH PARTY FROZEN.

RAWLINS, Wy., Feb. 8 .- A coach which left e Pacific Springs, on the Sweetwater Stage Line, last week, was caught in the storm of Friday. It was aban doned, and the party started back on foot to the station The driver, W. J. Stewart, was found frozen to death of the stage line, was found standing straight up in the of the stage line, was found standing straight up in the snow frozen so that he could not move. He will lose his hands and feet. W. V. Stark, a passenger, has not yet been found. They were out three cays and nights. Another driver was badly frozen. He reports two reet of snow on the level and the cattle starving. The stage line runs from Green River, on the Union Pacific Road, to Fort Washakte, Wy., through the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains.

THE ICE CHOP IN MAINE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, Feb. 8 .- A dispatch to The Journal rom Bangor, Me., says that the Penobscot fee crop is nearly all harvested and will amount to about 13,000 tons. The quantity is small, but the quality was never better. This, added to what was left over from the crop of 1882, leaves Bangor fully 115,000 tons of first quality of fee for shipment, a large amount of which will go to Battimore. The reason of such a small harvest this year is explained by the large quantity that was housed along the Hadson. The Maine dealers are guided largely in their cutting by the results in New-York State.

THE LEGAL RIGHT TO A PRESS FOLDER.

Boston, Feb. 8.-Judge Lowell, in the United States Circuit Court to-day, filed his opinion in the case of Richard M. Hoe and others against Th liminary injunction to restrain the further use of a folder on a printing press, a device mentioned in the patent issued to the plaintiffs on September 10, 1872. a suit by these plaintiffs against one Konler, Judge Biatenford, of New York, has decided that the patent 1 valid. The Advertiser bought a machine of the successors of Kohler and are indemnified by them. Judg Lowell in his decision holds that the publication of paper is not to be interfered with on account of an issue easeen the makers of its macainery, and he denies the eween the makers of its macainery, and he denies the

A DISHONEST CITY OFFICIAL.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.-Thaddens P. Buter, the chief clerk of the Water Department of Camdet has been missing since January 25, when he started for Frenton to attend the encampment of the Grand Army shortage of \$3.000. Butler's accounts had been audited up to January 1 and found correct, and the amount massing is the collections of the delinquents only. There were \$250 in cash and \$240 in checks found in the safe.

PREPARING FOR THE BOSTON FAIR.

Bosron, Feb. 8 .- Through the agency of the amittee on exhibits of the coming foreign exhibition ominissioners have been sent to Russia, Persia, Italy Sugiand, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Austria witzerland, Egypt, India, Bernso, Ceylon, Canada, the Vest Indies, Venezuela, Sweden and Norway.

COMPROMISING WITH CREDITORS.

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—The three largest creditors of the Ransom Stove Works in this city have taker each dollar of the firm's indebtedness in instalments. The liabilities of the firm exceed \$300,000. The amount of the assets cannot yet be determined.

A FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. S .- The engine of a boiler exploded at Boone last night, instantly killing George Floming, engineer, and Joseph James, and fatally mjuring John Johnson. Two horses were killed and the coal office was blown to atoms.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

KILLED WITH AN ANE AT A BALL.
ATLANTA, Gra., Foo S. A. dispa on to The Constitution says "At a more ball as t might at Cauton, Ga., foo go fill killed William C. Bryant with an axe." INJURED BY A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

FARMINGOALE, N. J., Feb. S. John J. Cottrell and wife, of Turkey, N. J. were frightfully injured three days ago by a runaway accident. The woman will probably die.

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TWO FATAL ELEVATOR ACCIDENTS.

BOSTON, Feb. S.—George Guiliver feit four stories through at elevator shalt today and was fatally injured, Michael Maroney fell five stories through another elevator wed, and was killed.

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A FATAL ACCIDENT IN A MINE.

SHENANDOAH, Penn., Feb. 8—A fall of top rock occurred at the Logan Colliery. at Centralla, yesterday, in Jurime four Poies, Joseph Zervestowski, Tolpen Miscerwicz, and Winlam and Martin Grasoki. Oas of the Injured men died this molinia. The others will recover.

INJURED FATALLY IN A FIGHT.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 8,—George Coleman, buttener, who was badly beaten by Matthew Colshan ten dis ago, in a store at Tinton Fails, is dead. Conshan disappeare the night of no fight. A warrant has been issued for his a rest upon a charge of murder. rest upon a charge of murier.

STEALING AND DESTROYING LETTERS.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Feb. 8.—Emory E. Hawks, letter carrier, of Wytho county, age fitteen, was arratgued before United states Commissioner Patterson in this city t day for emberging and destroying letters. He confessed if charge and was commissed to Juli in default of ball.

charge and was committeed to fail in default of oal.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN A RESTAURANT.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 8.—In an explosion t
morning in Andrew Smith's restaurant the cook was kill
several persons were lajured, and the property was cones
ship damaged. The cause of the explosion is thought to been
the overheating of gasoline machine pipes from
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THREE EMPLOYES ARRESTED FOR ARSON.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 8.—Courtland M.
Wooding's livery stable here was set on ire this morning,
making the seventh tocendiary fire from which Mr. Wooding
has suffered, and the fourth in his present quarters. Frederick Unmack, Joseph Sherry and George Efficie, employes
of Mr. Wooding, were arrested to night on suspicion of being
the incendiaries.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON. CONGRESSIONAL AND GENERAL TOPICS.

SLOW WORK ON THE TARIFF-THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION-THE FISH-ERY CLAUSES OF THE WASHINGTON TREATY. The work on the Tariff in the House ad-

vances slowly. Complaint is made of Chairman Kelley's management. Some Representatives assert that the dawdling over the matter is to prevent the passage of the measure. The daty on certain kinds of iron was reduced. Three reports will probably be made by the Mississippi River Commission. The Senate finished the reading of the free list; books were placed on the list. The Committee on Foreign Relations is considering a proposition to terminate the fishery clauses of the Treaty of Washington.

DAWDLING OVER THE TARIFF.

DISCOURAGED REPRESENTATIVES-CHAIRMAN KEL-LEY'S POOR MANAGEMENT-REDUCING THE DUTY ON IRON.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE THIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.-The slow rate at which the House Tariff bill moves in the Committee of the Whole is depressing, and nearly every Representative who sincerely desires tariff legislation at this session is discouraged. This is not saying that all, or nearly all, the Republicans are downcast, and in regard to this and some other matters it is quite time that the truth should be told. To begin with, there are not a few Republican Representatives who think it would be a smart political trick to let the subject go over to the next House "and then see the Democratic party go to pieces" in an attempt to deal with it. 'A Democratic Congress can never revise the tariff," say these wall-eyed statesmen who bank on future Democratic blunders, and cannot see the blunder which they are making by using the subject of tariff revision as a pawn piece on a chessboard of small party politics.

There is another class of men, embracing Democrats as well as Republicans, who do not care the toss of a copper about tariff revision, except that they would prefer none at all to one which should efany material reduction in the schedule now under consideration by the House. Said the frank Mr. Miller, of Pennsylvania, to a TEIBUNZ correspondent yesterday, "I do not be-lieve any bill will pass. We have a very good tariff now, and one with which the iron and steel interests are well satisfied." Mr. Miller is not the only Pennsylvania Representative who takes this view of the matter. One of the best-informed Republicans in the House, a man who foresees the blunder they will commit if they do not do their utmost to respond to the demand for a revision of the tariff and the relief of the business interests of the country from the paralysis caused by legislative uncertainties, said to-day: "There is a growing impression which has become already too general on our side of the House that some of our own leaders are not acting in good faith-not dealing sincerely with the country; and in short that they are quite willing to allow matters to drift into such a shape that there can be no tariff legislation by this Congress. Some men on our side even believe that Judge Kelley is a great deal more solicitous (for Peousylvania's interests than he is to meet the public demand for a general reduction of taxation. His parliamentary management of the bill is not that of a man who really wants to push it to a conclusion; he dawdles, dictates answers to his correspondents, while irrelevant debate rans on and on until precious hours are lost."

It has been painfully apparent for some time that

Chairman Kelley's determination to manage the bill in Committee of the Whole was unfortunate. He lacks vigor and alertness to see in time and circumvent the artful devices of the opposition to waste time without appearing to filibuster. The brunt of the fight for several days has been borne by Mr. Haskell, although nominally the bill is not under his control, and therefore his efforts are much less effective. All the parliamentary motions to facilitate progress must wait until the chairman sees fit to make them, and frequently that is not the case until he receives a whispered suggestion from some impatient friend of the bill. Any one who was not thoroughly convinced that Judge Kelly is sincerely anxious that the bill shall be passed would be very likely to infer from his management that he is playing into the hands of its opponents. This afternoon, for example, the chairman allowed the discussion to run on for nearly two hours on a single paragraph before he made a motion that the committee rise for the purpose of limiting debate; and only ten minutes of the time had been consumed in discussing the merits of the paragraph under consideration. Of course Mr. Carlisle called attention to this, and demanded more time for his side, which Judge Kelley refused to grant. Thereupon the yeas and navs were demanded by the Democrats, and a half-hour was consumed n calling the roll, after which Judge Kelley offered he other side a half-hour for debate. In other words, before a vote can be reached on any part of the paragraph three hours of time will have been conamed, when one hour would have amply sufficed. The metal schedule contains eighty-two separate paragraphs, upon the first twelve of which the Comnittee of the Whole has spent two days, including an evening session, and the twelfth paragraph is still unfinished. At this rate the metal schedule will occupy all the time until the end of next week. Much of the waste or time to-day was caused by lack of self-restraint on the part of the Republicans themselves. Of course, they have a heavy cross to bear every day, as they are compelled to listen to the harangues of free-trade demagogues, who fill the pages of The Record with the outpourings of their ignorant but luxuriant imaginations; but probably nobody supposes that to answer the drivel of these demagogues, or to expose the absuidity of misstatements, even when made by Mr. Carlisle or Mr. Tucker, will change a single vote. A recital of tariff creeds, such as several Republicans favored the House with to-day, might be interesting and not inappropriate under other circumstances, but just now, when every hour is precious,

it might be; better omitted. An interesting speech was made by Mr. Lynch. who gave cogent reasons why the laboring people of the South, as well as the cotton planters, favor reasonable tariff for the protection of American adustry. Mr. Lynch was bern a slave and is selfeducated; but his speech of to-day will compare favorably with any that has been made during the discussion, and it was received with careful atten-

tion by men of both sides. An incident of the day's discussion was the cruel punishment administered to "Ludwig, the Springer," by Mr. Reed, who had been asked some pert questions by the Illinois statesman. "To have a plant," said Mr. Reed, "the seed must first be sown; but what is the use of sowing the seed if there is no earth into which it may drop and take root? Does the gentleman from Illinois follow me! I might answer his questions over and over again, but what is the use if I cannot make the connection at the other end? There is the difficulty." The House roared with laughter, and even Mr. Springer seemed

to catch the meaning of Mr. Reed's illustration, The action of the House to-day showed that many Republicans were in earnest when they resented the action of the Speaker in taking three members of the Ways and Means Committee from Pennsylvania, and also when they declared that the bill brought in by the committee was designed to take care of Pennsylvania interests at the expense of other States and their industries. The bill fixed the duty on steel railway bars at \$16 92 per ton. By a vote of 110 to 90 it was reduced to \$15 per ton, about twenty Republicans going with the majority, while five Democrats voted in the nega-